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SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS REPORTAGE, MORNING, JANUARY 22

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NEWSPAPERS

1. WASHPOST (MARDER AND OSNOS) IN FRONT PAGE PIECE HEAD-
LINED "AIM OF KISSINGER TALKS: SWAP SALT FOR ANGOLA" LEAD
QUESTION IS WHETHER U.S. WILL GET THAT TRADEOFF. BANTERING
EXCHANGE IN FRONT OF PRESS AT START OF TALKS "SHOWED A
SURPRISINGLY SHARP EDGE OVER ANGOLA" AND WAS "UNUSUALLY
BLUNT." GIST OF KISSINGER LUNCHEON TOAST IS QUOTED:
IMPORTANCE OF SALT, NEED FOR RESTRAINT AND RESPECT FOR
EACH OTHER'S INTERESTS.

BREZHNEV SAYS PRIMARY SUBJECT ... IS ... A NEW SALT AGREE-
MENT, ... QUESTIONS OF REDUCTION OF FORCES IN EUROPE
"AND OTHER TOPICS." HE EXPECTS TO VISIT WASHINGTON BUT
AGREEMENT (ON SALT) MUST BE REACHED.

AIMOF KISSINGER VISIT FOR BOTH U.S. AND USSR IS AGREEMENT
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IN PRINCIPLE. SOVIET SOURCES SUGGEST ONE WAY IS TO AGREE

NOW ON EVERYTHING BUT CRUISE AND BACKFIRE. SOME U.S. SOURCES STRESS NEED FOR SPECIFYING "CARRYOVER TERMS" FOR TWO UNRESOLVED ISSUES WITH U.S. POLITICAL CAMPAIGN LOOMING.

BESIDES QUESTIONS ON TERMS OF ANY SALT PACT, ADMINISTRATION FACES EXAMINATION ON DETENTE AND ANGOLA. SOVIETS ARE INSISTING ON RIGHT TO SUPPORT MPLA BUT "ONE SOVIET SOURCE" INCLUDED CUBANS IN DEFINING JAN. 3 CALL FOR ALL FOREIGN WITHDRAWAL. THIS MAY SET THE STAGE FOR A TRADE-OFF.

2. NYTIMES (WREN): SOME CONCESSIONS ON BOTH SIDES ARE REPORTED. IT IS BELIEVED THEY CONCERN INCLUSION OF BACKFIRE AND CRUISE. A U.S. PARTICIPANT DECLINED TO GIVE ANY DETAILS, BUT VERIFICATION PROBLEM IS "REPORTED NEAR RESOLUTION." HOPE IS FOR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE BY FRIDAY DEPARTURE.

KISSINGER RAISED ANGOLA IN OPENING ROUND BUT BREZHNEV IS REPORTED FIRM.

AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL SAYS BOTH SIDES BROUGHT A GOOD ATTITUDE BUT IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL IF DEADLOCK CAN BE BROKEN.

IN TOAST GROMYKO "INDIRECTLY ASSAILED THOSE AMERICANS WHO HAVE ACCUSED MOSCOW OF CHEATING" ON ARMS AGREEMENTS. KISSINGER TOAST REMARKS ALLUDING TO ANGOLA ARE BRIEFLY QUOTED.

KISSINGER-BREZHNEV EXCHANGE ON ANGOLA IS REPORTED.

3. NYDAILY NEWS (CARTER) WHILE PROMISING "MAJOR EFFORT ON SALT, KISSINGER AT LUNCHEON IMPLIED STRONGLY "THAT IN ANGOLA SOVIETS HAD VIOLATED PRINCIPLES OF DETENTE. THREE PARAGRAPHS OF TOAST ARE QUOTED IN FULL.

"RUSSIANS DID NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT ANGOLA BUT ... THE AMERICANS INSISTED ... APPARENTLY DISGRUNTLED BREZHNEV." CARTER DESCRIBES THE SCENE.
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BOXED COMPANION PIECE ON SAME PAGE (PAGE 6) LISTS SEVEN SECURITY REMINDERS GIVEN TO U.S. DELEGATION. TITLE: IN GOD WE TRUST - BUT NOT SOVIET.

4. WALL STREET JOURNAL: NO KEATLEY TODAY. SHORT ITEM IN WHAT'S NEWS COLUMN SAYS PROGRESS WAS MADE BUT NO BREAK-THROUGH YET.

EDITORIAL ON "MOBILE MISSILES" SAYS ONE UNIDENTIFIED HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL ACCUSES MOST OF U.S. GOVERNMENT OF "BUREAUCRATIC DIRTY POOL" WHEN EVERYONE IN THE BUREAUCRACY EXCEPT KISSINGER BACKED OFF FROM U.S. POSITION ON MOBILE MISSILES AS SOON AS RUSSIANS AGREED TO IT.

ISSUES ARE VERIFICATION AND SURVIVABILITY. MISSILE MOBILITY MAKES FOR MORE SURVIVABILITY AND MORE DIFFICULT VERIFICATION. SURVIVABILITY MAKES FOR GREATER STRATEGIC STABILITY SINCE OTHER SIDE KNOWS IT CANNOT KNOCK OUT YOUR MISSILES. IT "SHOULD NOT BE BARGAINED AWAY IN HASTE."

5. LATIMES (JOHNSTON): KISSINGER PURPOSE IS "TO STABILIZE A POLICY OF DETENTE THAT APPEARS INCREASINGLY VULNERABLE IN AN ELECTION YEAR." U.S. OFFICIALS SAY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BUT GIVE NO SPECIFICS.

IN ANGOLA-AGENDA EXCHANGE WITH BREZHNEV AND IN "CAREFULLY DRAFTED" LUNCHEON TOAST, KISSINGER THREW "CONCERN THAT NEW ERA IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS IN TROUBLE ... IN PART CAUSED BY ANGOLA." RE COOPERATION OR BREZHNEV VISIT TO U.S. MIGHT BE "LIKELY PLACES" FOR U.S. RETALIATION FOR ANGOLA.

BREZHNEV IS QUOTED ON HIS U.S. VISIT AND A SALT AGREEMENT. GROMYKO'S STRESS ON SOVIET DESIRE FOR AN AGREEMENT IS CITED.

WIRES

1. AP (NO BYLINE) THOUGH HE THINKS "SO FAR THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN VERY SERIOUS," THE QUESTION FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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KISSINGER IS HOW MUCH CAN BE DONE BEFORE HE LEAVES.

GROMYKO SAYS HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN AGREEMENT WITH PERIODS COMMAS, SIGNATURE.

KISSINGER-BREZHNEV NOON SESSION HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL 6 PM BECAUSE OF A POLITBURO MEETING, IT IS ASSUMED. SOME SOVIET SOURCES MENTIONED A LENGTHY SESSION.

KISSINGER LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY OF RETURN TO MOSCOW AFTER NATO MEETING BUT SAID "I THINK WE ARE ON A COURSE IN WHICH WE CAN TAKE THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE TO WASHINGTON AND SEE WHERE WE GO FROM THERE." KISSINGER HAD HOPED AT BEST TO GET A FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT, MAINLY BY RESOLVING BACKFIRE AND CRUISE, ACCORDING TO U.S. OFFICIALS. LAST

WEEK U.S. PROPOSED TO CLASSIFY BOTH AS MEDIUM RANGE
VEHICLES OUTSIDE VLADVISTOK LIMITS.

AP CITES BOSTON GLOBE WASHINGTON REPORT ON U.S. PROPOSALS:

-- USSR TO GET 200-300 BACKFIRES AS MEDIUM RANGE BOMBERS
OUTSIDE 2,400 LIMIT, NO LARGE FLEET OF TANKERS FOR
REFUELING.

-- U.S. TO GET CRUISE MISSILES OUTSIDE 2,400 LIMIT, ONLY
ABOARD SUBS, ADDITIONAL CRUISE TO BE COUNTED AGAINST
1,320 MIRVED ICBMS.

2. REUTER (NO BYLINE) THOUGH NO REASON WAS GIVEN FOR THE
CANCELLATION OF A SCHEDULED ROUND THIS MORNING, SPECULATION
WAS THAT POLITBURO WAS MEETING ON SALT. "INFORMED SOURCES
SAID MR. KISSINGER WAITED IN VAIN..." UNTIL CALL CAME
AND CANCELLATION OF MEETING WAS AGREED. HE AND GROMYKO
WOULD BE LUNCHING AS PLANNED. AFTER TALKS YESTERDAY "U.S.
OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE NEARING A BREAKTHROUGH ON A
KEY ISSUE INVOLVING" BACKFIRE AND CRUISE.

3. UPI (NO BYLINE) THOUGH ENCOURAGED ON SALT, KISSINGER
HAS FAILED TO CHANGE SOVIET STAND ON ANGOLA, U.S.
OFFICIALS SAID. BUT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO TELL IF SUCCESS
ON SALT FRAMEWORK WOULD COME BY FRIDAY. KISSINGER SAYS
TALKS ARE SERIOUS AND GAP HAS BEEN NARROWED. WHEN
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QUESTIONED ON SCENARIO HE TOLD REPORTERS THAT SCHEDULE
WILL BE DICTATED BY THE NATIONAL INTEREST AND NEED FOR
PEACE. EXTENSIVE QUOTATION OF KISSINGER REMARKS TO PRESS
REFUSING TO SPECULATE ON TIMING OF FINAL OUTCOME.

TV/RADIO

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IN ADDITION TO RERUNS OF LAST NIGHT'S FEEDS FROM
DUNSMORE, VALERIANI AND KALB THE FOLLOWING TWO ITEMS
WERE BROADCAST THIS MORNING:

1. BARRIE DUNSMORE, AMERICAN INFORMATION RADIO, ABC NEWS:
THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS CONTINUE HERE IN
MOSCOW TODAY. THE U.S. SIDE SAYS THERE'S BEEN SOME PROGRES
BUT REFUSES TO PREDICT ANY BREAKTHROUGH. THERE'S BEEN NO
PROGRESS AT ALL ON ANGOLA. KISSINGER BROUGHT IT UP
YESTERDAY, BUT THE SOVIETS GAVE NO HINT THAT THEY HAD ANY
NEW PLANS FOR THEIR ANGOLA POLICY. A U.S. OFFICIAL HAS
SAID THAT ANGOLA COULD COME UP AGAIN TODAY, AS COULD THE
MIDDLE EAST, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED.

EVEN IF A BREAKTHROUGH IS NOT REACHED ON SALT, OFFICIALS
SAY KISSINGER WOULD NOT EXTEND HIS MOSCOW STAY, AS HE

HAS A NATO MEETING IN BRUSSELS TOMORROW, A STOP IN MADRID,
AND ISRAELI PREMIER RABIN IN WASHINGTON ON MONDAY.

2. DALLAS TOWNSEND & BERNIE KALB, CBS RADIO, WORLD
NEWS ROUNDUP:

TOWNSEND: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER PLAYED HOST
TODAY IN MOSCOW TO ANDREI GROMYKO, GIVING A LUNCHEON
FOR THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT BERNARD KALB
ASKED KISSINGER HOW THE TALKS ON A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS
LIMITATION AGREEMENT ARE GOING:

KISSINGER: I THINK BOTH SIDES HAVE BEEN VERY SERIOUS.
WE HAVE MADE SOME SUGGESTIONS. THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE SOME
COUNTER PROPOSALS. WE RESPONDED TO THOSE, AND THEY'RE
STUDYING THEM NOW.

KALB: DO YOU HAVE ANY FEELING, MR. SECRETARY, ABOUT
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WHAT THE OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE?

KISSINGER: I WOULDN'T WANT TO SPECULATE.

KALB: DO YOU FEEL AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT THAT THESE
NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT GO EITHER TOWARD SUCCESS, OR POSSIBLY
EVEN FAILURE?

KISSINGER: WELL, AS I'VE INDICATED, MANY POSSIBILITIES.
WE COULD MAKE SOME PROGRESS. WE COULD STALEMATE. WE
WILL DO WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST.
AND I THINK SO FAR THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN VERY SERIOUS,
WITH BOTH SIDES MAKING RESPONSIBLE PROPOSALS AND NARROWING
THE GAP. I THINK THAT WE'RE ON A COURSE IN WHICH CAN
TAKE THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE TO WASHINGTON, AND
SEE WHERE WE GO FROM HERE.

KALB: WELL, HOW WOULD YOU THINK THAT WOULD BE INTER-
PRETED THEN, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE FULL AGREEMENT, AND
ONLY THE PROGRESS?

KISSINGER: I HAVE NEVER SAID THERE WOULD BE A FULL AGREE-
MENT WHILE I'M HERE. AND WE'RE NOT ON ANY PARTICULAR
SCHEDULE. OUR SCHEDULE IS WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE PEACE
OF THE WORLD.

TOWNSEND: THE MORNING SESSION OF THE MOSCOW TALKS IN WHICH
KISSINGER AND GROMYKO ARE TAKING PART WAS CALLED OFF FOR
UNEXPLAINED REASONS, BUT THE TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO RESUME

LATER TODAY.

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